

REMARKS

The claims have been further amended better to point out that which applicant regards as his invention. More particularly, the features of claims 4 and 6 now appear in claim 12. The claims before the Examiner are claims 5 and 7 to 13.

The comments in the Advisory Action mailed April 28, 2004 are noted. Applicant respectfully submits however that the references in combination do not teach or suggest the claimed decorative molding. The independent claim (12) now calls for (a) the decorative layer to be sandwiched between the base sheet and the bonding layer and (b) the decorative layer contains a binder resin and at least an acrylic resin or a polyvinyl chloride-acetate resin or both the acrylic resin and the polyvinyl chloride-acetate in the binder resin.

The Examiner is again referred to the working and comparative examples in the case; see also the remarks in the first full paragraph on page 8 of the Request For Reconsideration filed April 14, 2004. No mention was made thereof in the Advisory Action.

An early allowance of the claims as amended is earnestly solicited.

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The Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned if additional changes are required in the case prior to allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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